



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Requested Spanish Interpretation Line

Call: 662-508-0323; PIN: 674 273 565 #

May 16, 2022



Welcome and Roll Call

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, Chair

Interim Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2022

CDC 2109 Grant

Miranda Ouellette, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration



Interview Request: George Washington University

Interview Request from George Washington University (GWU), School of Public Health

- Requestor: Naomi Seiler, JD
Associate Professor, Dept. of Health Policy and Management
Milken Institute School of Public Health, GWU
- Topic: CHWs and their impact on the prevalence, outcomes, and education related to sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Request: Perspective from a member of the Advisory Committee on current and potential CHW work to address STIs for a report to the CDC.
- Format: One hour zoom interview.

CHW Certification Update

Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – May 6, 2022

# certifications	1049
Certification based on training	160
# certifications renewed	330
# total CHW certificates issued:	1209

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020 – May 16, 2022

Accreditation of CHW Certification Training Programs

# applications submitted:	15
# applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance):	3
# accreditations issued:	12

CHW Training Program Application Review Committee

New terms began April 2022:

- **Community health worker:** Natasha Few, CCHW
- **State CHW Advisory Committee member:** La Kerry Dawson, CCHW
- **Health professions educator with expertise in curriculum development:** Lisa Widmaier, M.Ed., Director of Non-Credit Healthcare Programs, Chesapeake College
- **MDH CHW staff:** Tina Backe

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

1. Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Inc.
2. Asian American Center of Frederick in partnership with Hagerstown Community College
3. Baltimore City Community College
4. Community College of Baltimore County
5. Heritage Care, Inc.
6. Howard Community College

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

7. Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine
8. Maryland Area Health Education Center Program
9. Montgomery College
10. Mosaic Group, Inc.
11. Prince George's Community College
12. Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.

CHW Certification and Training Program Accreditation Webinars

CHW Certificate Renewal Application Webinars

- February 7, March 9, April 8, May 11, June 16
- Information is posted to our [webpage](#).

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Application Webinars

- February 25, March 29, April 19, May 23, June 23
- Information is posted to our [webpage](#).

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Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

Access to accredited CHW certification training programs:

- Additional opportunities for CHW leaders to be trained and have leadership roles
- Recruitment and retention strategies for bilingual CHWs by employers
- Improved data on certified and non-certified CHWs
- Translation of training materials
- Recruitment of bilingual instructors for training
- Increase of non-English language training programs
- Survey to employers to better understand where CHWs are employed

CHW Professional Development Opportunities

CHW Professional Development Support

- CHW Advisory Committee identified Professional Development support as an area of further development in 2022
- OPHI has leveraged staff support from the CDC Foundation and OPHI CHW staff to create a webpage with free or low cost professional development activities that meet renewal requirements
- Intentional outreach to conference and education providers to list CHW professional development opportunity on promotional materials

CHW Grants and Contract

CHW Contract

Collaboration with MDH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)

Curricula Development

- Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes
- Chronic Disease Management: Cardiovascular Disease
- Final drafts of the curricula have been submitted

CDC-RFA-OT21-2103

National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities

CHW Grant Awards

BPM028105: Community Health Worker Training Program Development, Accreditation, and Implementation

Purpose: Implement a new CHW certification training program; train two (2) under resourced candidates at no cost.

Current Awardees: Voices of Hope; Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI); Access to Wholistic and Productive Living (AWPLI)

CHW Grant Awards

BPM028117: Accredited Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs - COVID-19 Module Development, Implementation and Training

Purpose: Add a COVID-19 module; and identify, recruit, and train two (2) under resourced candidates at no cost.

Current Awardees: Access to Wholistic and Productive Living; Asian American Center of Frederick; Heritage Care, Inc.; and Washington County Commission on Aging

Funding Opportunity: Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

- Notification sent to accredited CHW certification training programs
- Funding opportunity to identify, recruit, enroll, and train under served/under resourced CHW students at no cost to the student
- Goal: Support the capacity of the CHW workforce and expand access to accredited CHW certification training programs

CHW Grant Opportunity

Community Health Worker Specialty Training Resources and Materials Development

Development of CHW specialty training resources:

- Behavioral Health;
- Chronic Disease Management: Asthma;
- Geriatrics;
- Infectious Disease: COVID-19; and
- Maternal and Child Health.

Culturally and linguistically appropriate materials on COVID-19

HRSA NOFO: Community Health Worker Training Program

- HRSA Funding Opportunity # HRSA-22-124
- Due date: June 14, 2022
- Reach out to your networks if you are interested in applying or collaborating on an application.
- Engage with our CHW Program for assistance in supporting the application and demonstrating collaboration with the Department.
- [Grant webpage](#) (TA recording posted and FAQ to be posted soon)

NACHW Unity Conference

Annual meeting and interactive event of the National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW), designed for our CHW and ally members making a difference.

Dates: August 3 and 4

Format: Virtual

Theme: CHWs: The past, present, and future of community care

Conference Webpage: <https://nachwunity.org/>

Call for Presentations: https://nachwunity.org/call-for-presentations/?mc_cid=951d01d5b5&mc_eid=5598bed068

CHW Advisory Committee – Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

Quarterly CHW State Advisory Committee meetings, 1 PM – 3 PM, to be held virtually or at MDH:

- **August 15, 2022**
- **November 14, 2022** – Note: This is the 2nd Monday.

Discussion

CHW Program Contacts and Links

Maryland CHW Certification Website

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Home.aspx>

Maryland CHW Phone Line

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Adjournment

Thank you for your time today!